GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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QUALITY CONTROL OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of decrease in the samples of sugar tested, the number of samples filed from 1998 to 2000 has increased from 121 to 124;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of sugar factories, which were given warning letters for non-compliance of required standard of sugar;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Government are not giving adequate attention to the quality control of sugar resulting in poor demand of Indian sugar in the world market; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality control of sugar in the country to get adequate export orders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b)&(c): The number of samples drawn, number of samples failed and number of warning letters issued during the seasons 1998-99 and 1999-2000 were as under:-

S.No.	Season(Oct.-Sept.)	No. of samples drawn	No. of samples failed	Number of warning letter issued
1.	1998-1999	843	121	33
2.	1999-2000	518	124	24

(d)&(e): The Government has taken the following measures for improving the quality of sugar:-

(i) A Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Director(Sugar) has been constituted to study various clarification processes adopted by Indian sugar factories and consider the feasibility of introducing any other process with a view to producing better quality sugar equivalent to refined sugar. The report of the Sub-Committee is expected to be received by December, 2001.

(ii) Loans from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) are being given to sugar factories for modernisation/upgradation of technology involving process change for producing quality sugar.